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- (c) The Government are not aware of the fact.
- (d) As regards the arrangements made in the kitchen and diet departments, the hon. Member is referred to the answer given to his question No. 1652 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 1st March 1928.

In regard to the linen department, regular accounts are maintained in prescribed books and forms showing the receipts and issues of linen in all departments of the hospitals. The accounts are verified once a quarter by the Superintendents of the hospitals or under their orders by other responsible officers. They are also audited by the staff of the Accountant-General's office.

- (e) Following the arrangement made in the Rayapuram Hospital, the Government propose to appoint two nuns in the Government Ophthalmic Hospital for the immediate supervision of the kitchen and diet departments. They have no other proposal under consideration.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“The answer given to clause (c) is that the Government are not aware of the fact. May I ask whether Government have made enquiries on the subject?”

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—“There are about 200 hospitals in the Presidency and to get detailed information from all of them will take a long time.”

*Location of a Gosha hospital at Ellore.*

\* 1767 Q.—Mr. M. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

- (a) the number of Gosha hospitals in the West Godavari district;
- (b) whether the Government have received mahazars from the people of Ellore taluk requesting the Government to take steps for the location of a Gosha hospital at Ellore, the headquarters of the district; and
- (c) if so, what is the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government thereon?

A.—(a) None.

(b) & (c) No such mahazar has been received.

*Establishment of a home for the treatment of mentally defective children.*

\* 1768 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

- (a) whether the establishment of a home for the special treatment of mentally defective children was under the consideration of the Government in 1927 or 1928; and

(b) whether any provision has been made for it in the next budget?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.